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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A modular pultrusion die comprising the following elements a-f communicating with each other in the order listed:

- a) a fiber preheat station section containing inlets for the passage of fiber bundles;
- b) a fiber infeed section;
- c) a resin infeed and impregnation section;
- d) a reduction section;
- e) a shaping and consolidation section that supports one or more removable and replaceable consolidation inserts; and
- f) a cooling section that supports one or more removable and replaceable consolidation inserts.
- 2. The modular pultrusion die of Claim 1 which includes a removable and replaceable mandrel contained in the reduction section.
- The modular pultrusion die of Claim 1 wherein the removable and replaceable consolidation inserts are split inserts.
 - 4. The modular pultrusion die of Claim 3 wherein the removable and replaceable cooling inserts are split inserts.
- The modular pultrusion die of Claim 1 wherein the glass infeed section includes one or more removable and replaceable inserts.
 - 6. A modular pultrusion die comprising the following elements a-f communicating with each other in the order listed:
 - a) a fiber preheat station section containing inlets for the passage of fiber bundles;

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 a fiber infeed section that supports one or more removable and replaceable fiber infeed inserts;

- c) an resin infeed and impregnation section;
- d) a reduction section;
- e) a shaping and consolidation section; and
- f) a cooling section.

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- 7. A process of changing profiles in a modular pultrusion die comprising the steps of:
 - e) pultruding fiber through a pultrusion die containing any or all of the following removable and replaceable inserts: i) one or more consolidation inserts ii) one or more cooling inserts; and iii) one or more fiber infeed inserts;
 - f) stopping the pultruding of fiber;
 - g) removing any or all of the inserts and replacing the removed inserts with other inserts; and
 - h) restarting the pultrusion process.
- 8. The process of Claim 7 wherein the consolidation and cooling inserts are removed and replaced with other consolidation and cooling inserts.
- 9. The process of Claim 7 wherein the fiber infeed inserts are removed and replaced with other fiber infeed inserts.